## IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

No. 15-20413

D.C. Docket No. 4:09-CV-3335

United States Court of Appeals Fifth Circuit

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee

United States District Court Southern District of Texas FILED

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RAFAEL E. RIVAS-LOPEZ,

v.

David J. Bradley, Clerk of Court rtified as a true copy and issued as the mandate on Jul 15, 2016

Defendant - Appellant

Clerk, U.S. Court of Appears, Fifth Circuit

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston

Before CLEMENT, ELROD, and SOUTHWICK, Circuit Judges.

JUDGMENT

This cause was considered on the record on appeal.

It is ordered and adjudged that the judgment of the District Court is vacated and the case is remanded for a new evidentiary hearing with appointed counsel.

## **United States Court of Appeals**

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July 15, 2016

Mr. David J. Bradley Southern District of Texas, Houston United States District Court 515 Rusk Street Room 5300 Houston, TX 77002

> No. 15-20413 USA v. Rafael Rivas-Lopez USDC No. 4:09-CV-3335, 4:04-CR-145-2

Dear Mr. Bradley,

Enclosed is a copy of the judgment issued as the mandate and a copy of the court's opinion.

Sincerely,

LYLE W. CAYCE, Clerk

Christina A. Gardner, Deputy Clerk

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cc: (letter only)

Ms. Renata Ann Gowie

Mr. Rafael E. Rivas-Lopez